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*Sophie
de Marsac
Campau
Chapter*

*Daughters
of the
American Revolution*

By-Laws Adopted October, 1919

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BY-LAWS

ARTICLE I

Name

The name of this society shall be "The Sophie de Marsac Campau Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution."

ARTICLE II

Objects of This Society

The objects of this Society are the same as those of the National Society:

(1) To perpetuate the memory and spirit of the men and women who achieved American Independence, by the acquisition and protection of historical spots, and the erection of monuments; by the encouragement of historical research in relation to the Revolution and the publication of its results; by the preservation of documents and relics, and of the records of the individual services of Revolutionary soldiers and patriots, and by the promotion of celebrations of all patriotic anniversaries.

(2) To carry out the injunction of Washington in his farewell address to the American people, "to promote, as an object of primary importance, institutions for the general diffusion of knowledge," thus developing an enlightened public opinion, and affording to young and old such advantages as shall develop in them the largest capacity for performing the duties of American citizens.

(3) To cherish, maintain, and extend the institutions of American freedom, to foster true patriotism and love of country, and to aid in securing for mankind all the blessings of liberty.

ARTICLE III

Eligibility and Membership

Sec. 1. Any woman not less than eighteen years of age, who is descended from a man or woman who gave unfailing loyal service to the cause of American independence as a recognized patriot, soldier, sailor, or civil officer, in one of the several Colonies or States, or of the United Colonies or States, is eligible to membership.

Sec. 2. All applications for membership shall be made in writing to the Regent, accompanied by the written endorsement of two members of the Chapter. The Regent shall present to the Executive Board the application, which shall be deemed accepted if it receives the unanimous vote of the members present. The Registrar shall then be instructed to send to the applicant the regular blanks of the Sophie de Marsac Campau Chapter. When these blanks have been properly filled out, they shall be returned to the Registrar, accompanied by the initiation fee and dues for the current year. If approved by her, they shall be signed by the Regent, Secretary, and Registrar and forwarded to the Treasurer-General, in Washington; and being there approved and accepted, the applicant shall then be enrolled as a member of the Sophie de Marsac Campau Chapter.

Sec. 3. The election to membership shall be void if the regular Chapter blanks are not returned, properly filled out, during the tenure of office of the Registrar by whom they were issued. The Executive Board shall have power to suspend this rule in special cases.

Sec. 4. Any Daughter presenting a transfer card from another Chapter shall be enrolled as a member of the Sophie de Marsac Campau Chapter upon the approval of her application by the Executive Board, and the fulfillment of the requirements of the National Society in such cases.

ARTICLE IV

Initiation Fees and Dues

Sec. 1. The initiation fee to the National Society and to the Sophie de Marsac Campau Chapter, inclusive, shall be one dollar. The annual dues of the Sophie de Marsac Campau Chapter shall be three dollars, payable at the October meeting.

Sec. 2. One hundred dollars paid at one time as dues by a member shall make her a life member and shall exempt her from further dues, except such as may be levied by the chapter of which she is a member. One-half of this amount shall be sent to the Treasurer General, and one-half retained by the chapter to which the member belongs.

Sec. 3. That portion of the life membership fees retained by the Chapter shall constitute a special fund to be kept by the Treasurer in a separate account. This fund may be expended for memorials or other permanent investments upon recommendation of a majority of the Executive Board and a two-thirds vote of those present at any regular meeting of the Chapter.

Sec. 4. A member who is in arrears for dues for six months shall automatically be dropped from the roll of members; but no one shall be so dropped until three written notices of arrears shall have been given her by the Treasurer General at least a month apart. These terms may be changed by the Executive Board whenever necessary to cause them to accord with the constitution of the National Society.

Sec. 5. A member dropped for non-payment of dues may be reinstated by the National Board of Management only upon the payment of her indebtedness to the Chapter and through the Chapter to the National Society.

Sec. 6. A member who has been admitted by the National Society on or after July 1st, in any year, shall not be required to pay dues again until January 1st of the second year thereafter.

ARTICLE V

Nominations and Elections

Sec. 1. The officers of the Sophie de Marsac Campau Chapter shall be Regent, Vice-Regent, Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary, Treasurer, Registrar and Historian. These officers, with three Directors, shall constitute the Executive Board of the Chapter.

Sec. 2. Nominations for all officers and directors shall be made at the annual meeting by a nominating committee of five members, of whom three shall be elected from the floor, and the Chairman and remaining member shall be appointed by the new Executive Board.

Sec. 3. All officers and directors shall be elected by ballot at the annual meeting and shall hold office for one year.

Sec. 4. A majority of all votes cast shall be necessary to secure election. In case of more than two candidates for one office, no one of whom receives a majority of the votes cast upon the first ballot, the Chapter shall proceed to elect from the two receiving the greatest number of votes cast upon the first ballot.

Sec. 5. Vacancies in offices shall be filled by the Executive Board.

Sec. 6. The regular term of office of all officers and directors shall commence at the adjournment of the June meeting.

ARTICLE VI

Duties of Officers

Sec. 1. The Regent shall preside at all meetings of the Chapter, be chairman of the Executive Board and a member, ex-officio, of every committee. By virtue of her office she is a voting member of the Continental Congress and the State Conference. She shall send a report of the Chapter work to the

State Regent for her National report, and shall prepare the report for the State Conference. She shall have custody of all dies belonging to the Chapter.

Sec. 2. The Vice-Regent shall become Acting Regent in the absence of the Regent.

Sec. 3. The Recording Secretary shall record and preserve the minutes of all meetings of the Chapter, and of the Executive Board.

Sec. 4. The Corresponding Secretary shall keep an accurate list of all members of the Chapter, shall notify all officers and delegates of their election, and all committees of their appointment, shall notify the State Regent and State Secretary of the election of all officers and delegates to the Continental Congress and to the State Conference, and shall attend to the correspondence of the Chapter and of the Executive Board.

Sec. 5. The Treasurer shall receive the funds of the Chapter and deposit the same to the credit of the Chapter in a bank approved by the Executive Committee, keep an itemized account of all receipts and disbursements in a book belonging to the Chapter, preserve duplicates of all reports and remittance blanks sent to the Treasurer-General and all receipts and correspondence returned by her, make the national number of every member a part of the record, and perform such other duties as the National Constitution and By-Laws shall require in the manner directed by the National officers.

She shall pay to the State Conference the amount due that body from the Chapter. She shall pay the bills of the Chapter only upon the order of the Chapter or of the Executive Board, and shall submit her annual report to the Auditing Committee at least three days before the annual meeting.

She shall deliver a ticket of membership and the Year Book to each member upon payment of dues.

Sec. 6. The Registrar shall keep a register of the names and dates of the election, resignation, trans-

fer, marriage and death of members of the Chapter, shall have custody of all duplicate application papers, shall transmit to the Treasurer-General all approved applications for membership, together with a draft in payment of initiation fees and dues, shall grant transfer cards upon request to all members in good standing, shall notify the Treasurer of all members accepted by the National Society and all transfers to the Chapter, and shall notify the Treasurer-General and State Regent of the resignation, transfer or death of any member of the Chapter. She shall also, at the expense of the Chapter, become a Notary Public.

Sec. 7. The Historian shall have custody of all papers belonging to the Chapter, shall keep a complete list of all properties of the Chapter, and shall have the custody of such as are not given specifically into the keeping of other officers. She shall have complete charge of the Chapter Scrap Book.

Sec. 8. All officers shall make a written report at the annual meeting, and at any other time when so directed by the Executive Board. They, upon retiring from office, shall deliver all moneys, accounts, record books and papers belonging to the Chapter to the Regent, by whom they shall later be redistributed to the proper officers.

ARTICLE VII

Committees

Sec. 1. The Executive Board shall recommend plans for promoting the objects of the Society, and shall manage and conduct the business of the Chapter.

Sec. 2. The following standing committees shall be appointed by the Regent: Auditing, Program, Printing, Press, House, February the twenty-second, Sophie de Marsac Campau Memorial, Local Research and Landmarks, Patriotic Education, Children of the Republic, and such other committees as may be

necessary to carry on the work of the Chapter. All appointments shall be subject to the approval of the Executive Board.

ARTICLE VIII

Meetings

Sec. 1. Regular meetings shall be held on the third Thursday of each month from October to June, inclusive, at 3 p. m., unless some other time be specified by the Executive Board.

Sec. 2. When necessary, special meetings may be called by the Regent. She shall be obliged to call such meetings upon the written request of five members of the Chapter, but no business shall be transacted except that for which the meeting is called, which shall be stated in the notice.

Sec. 3. At the January meeting, the delegates and alternates to the Continental Congress shall be elected.

Sec. 4. The February meeting shall be in celebration of Washington's Birthday.

Sec. 5. The May meeting shall be the Annual Meeting. Delegates and alternates to the Michigan State Conference shall be elected at this time.

Sec. 6. The Executive Board shall hold regular monthly meetings preceding the regular meetings of the Chapter. The Regent may also call special meetings of the Executive Board when necessary.

ARTICLE IX

Admission to Meetings

No person shall be admitted to the meetings of the Chapter except members holding tickets originally issued to them, and guests provided for in Article XI.

ARTICLE X

Quorum

Sec. 1. The members present shall constitute a quorum at any regular or special meeting of the Chapter.

Sec. 2. Five members of the Executive Board shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

ARTICLE XI

Guests

Sec. 1. Any member in good Chapter standing elsewhere, but temporarily residing in Grand Rapids, may attend the meetings of this Chapter by invitation of the Regent, and by the payment of one dollar annually.

Sec. 2. Other guests may attend meetings by the consent of the Regent only.

ARTICLE XII

Amendments

These by-laws may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the members present at any regular meeting of the Chapter, provided notice of the amendment shall have been given at a previous meeting.

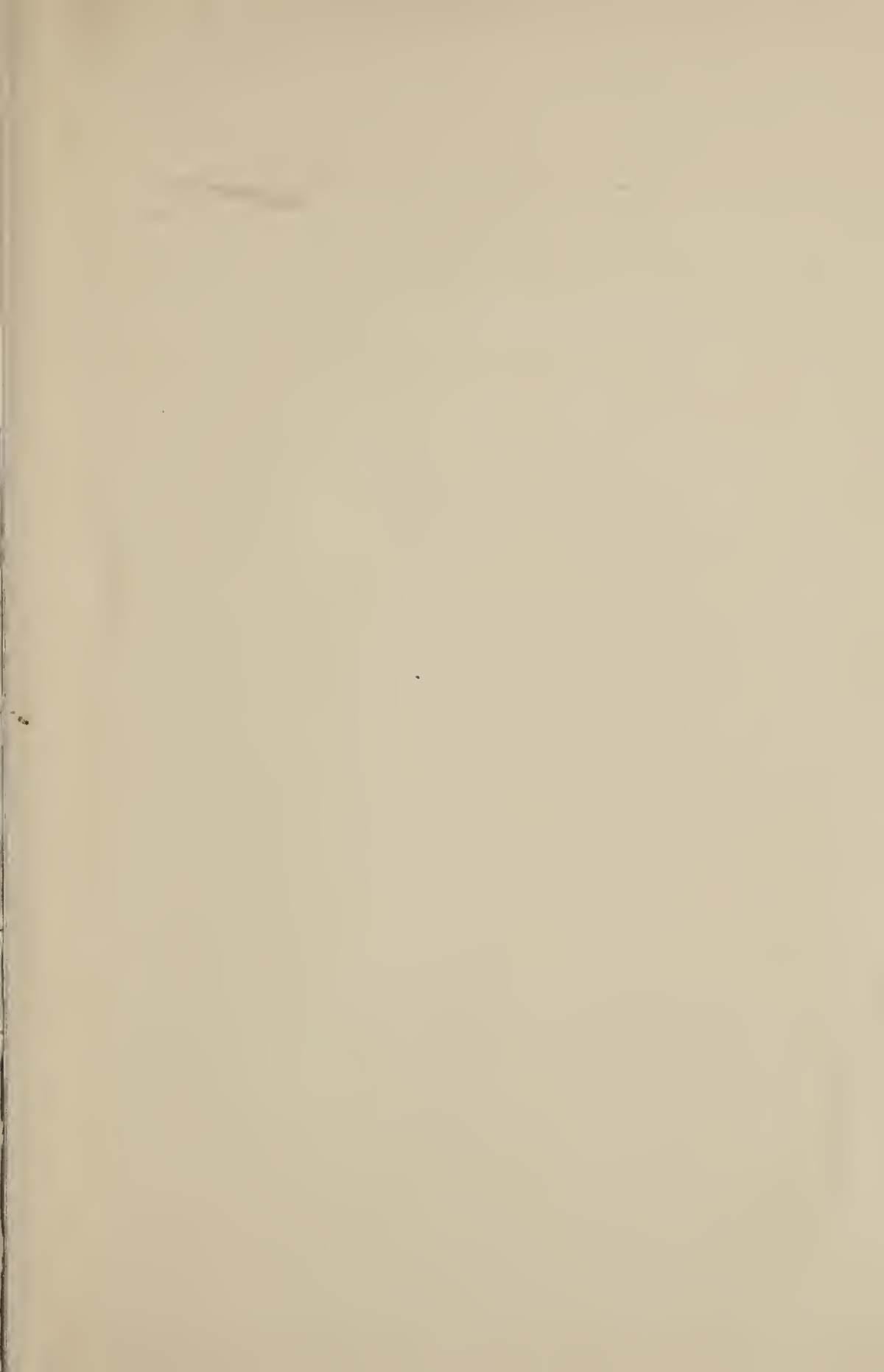
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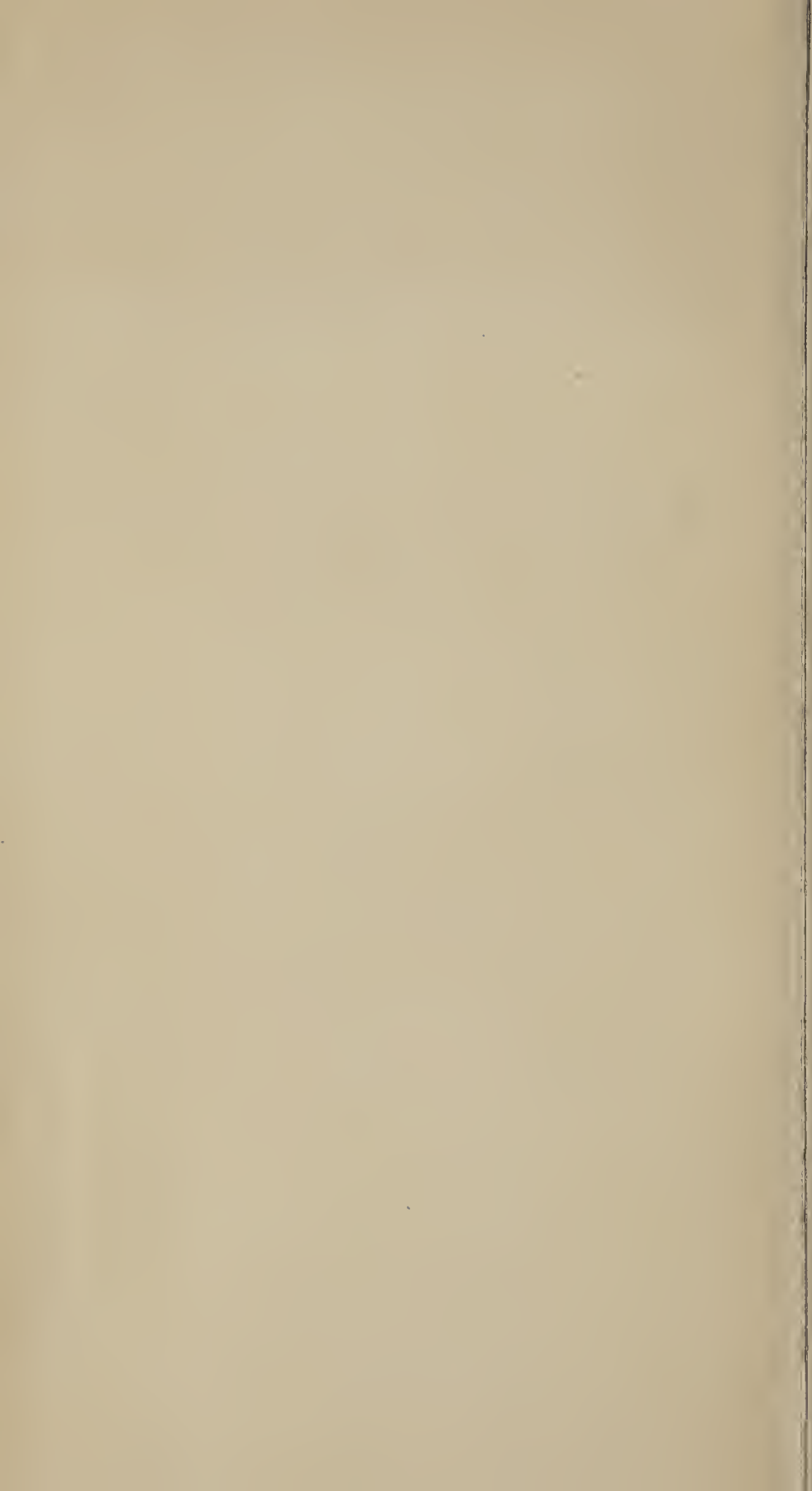
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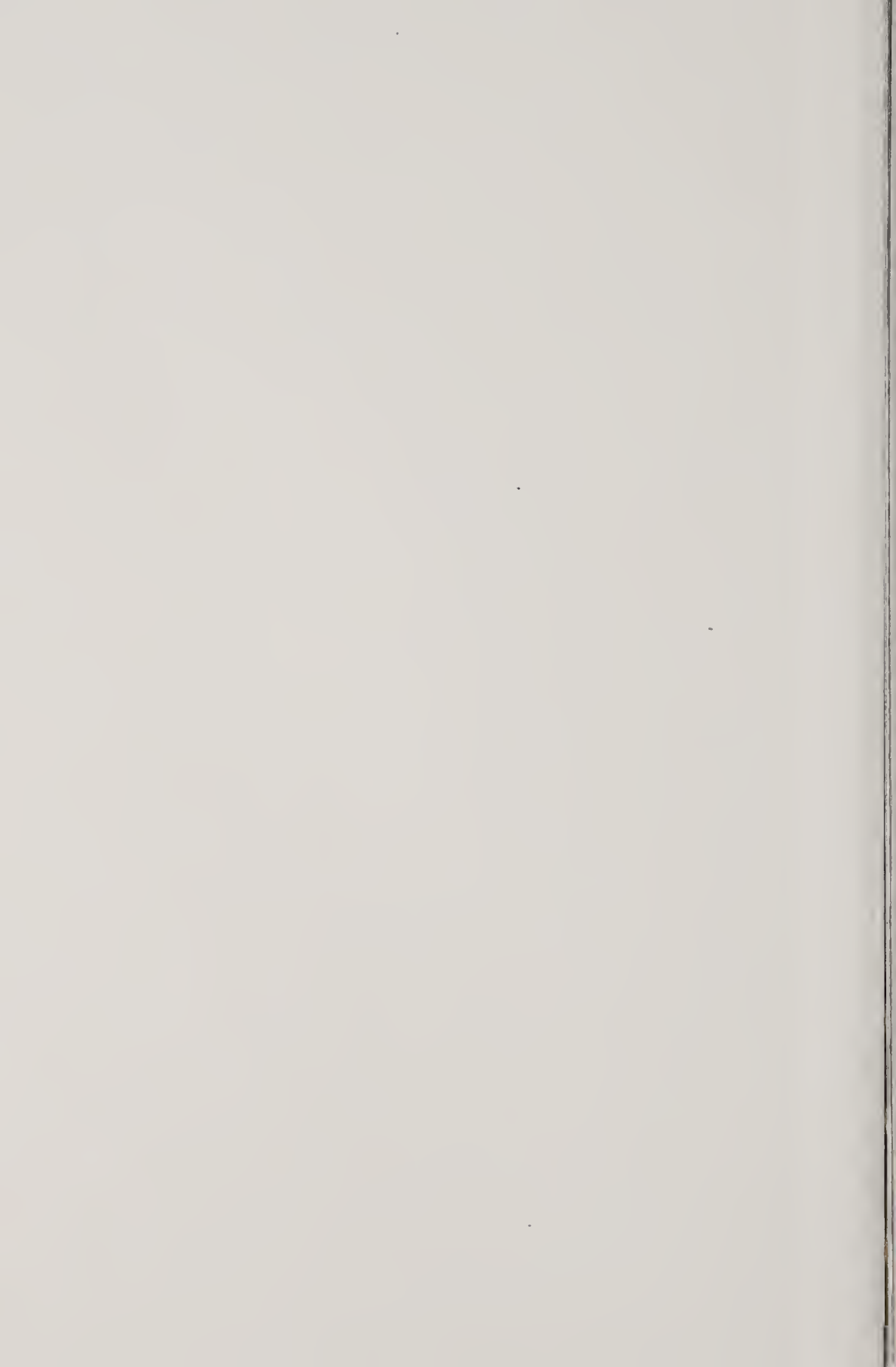
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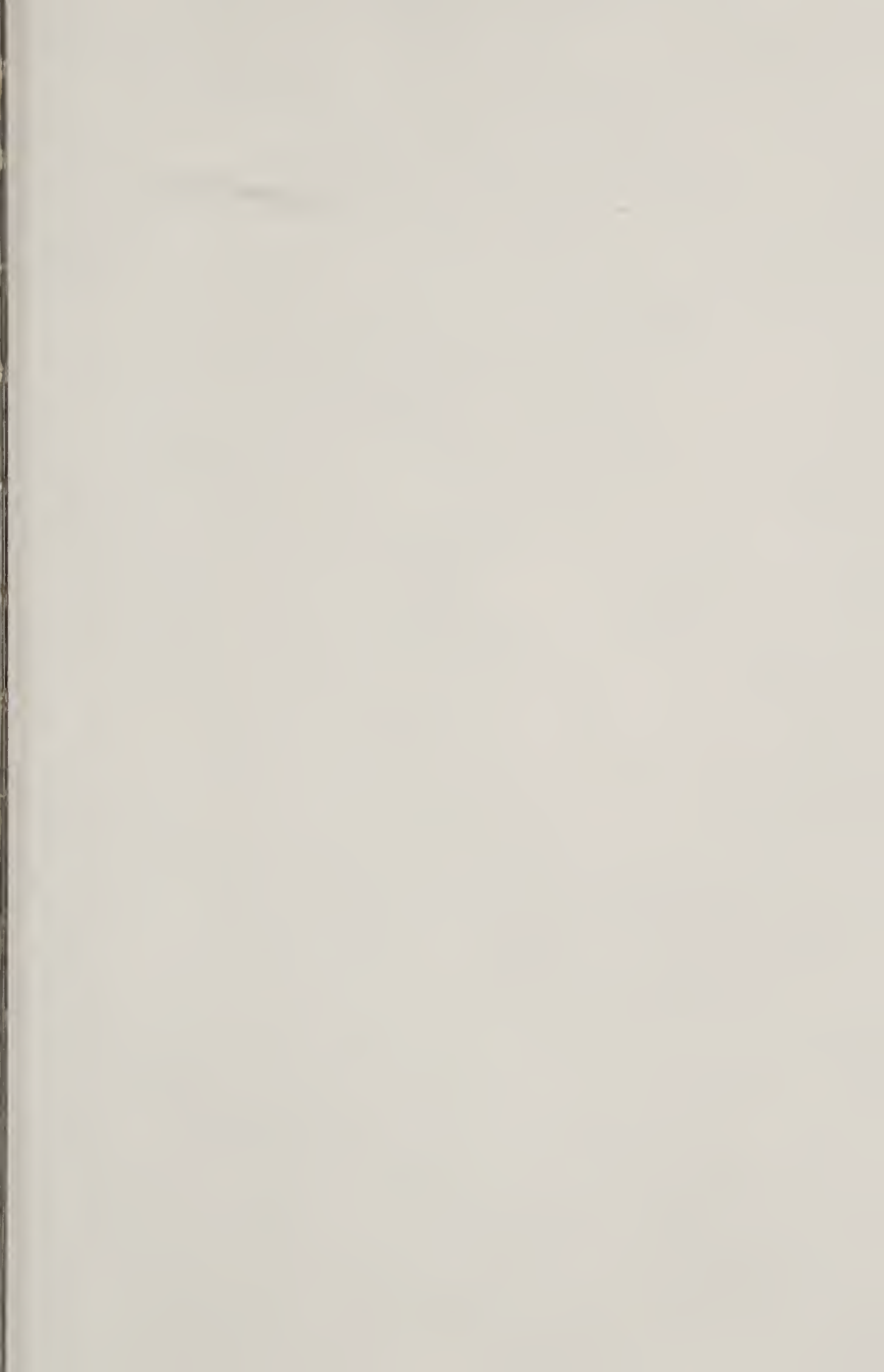
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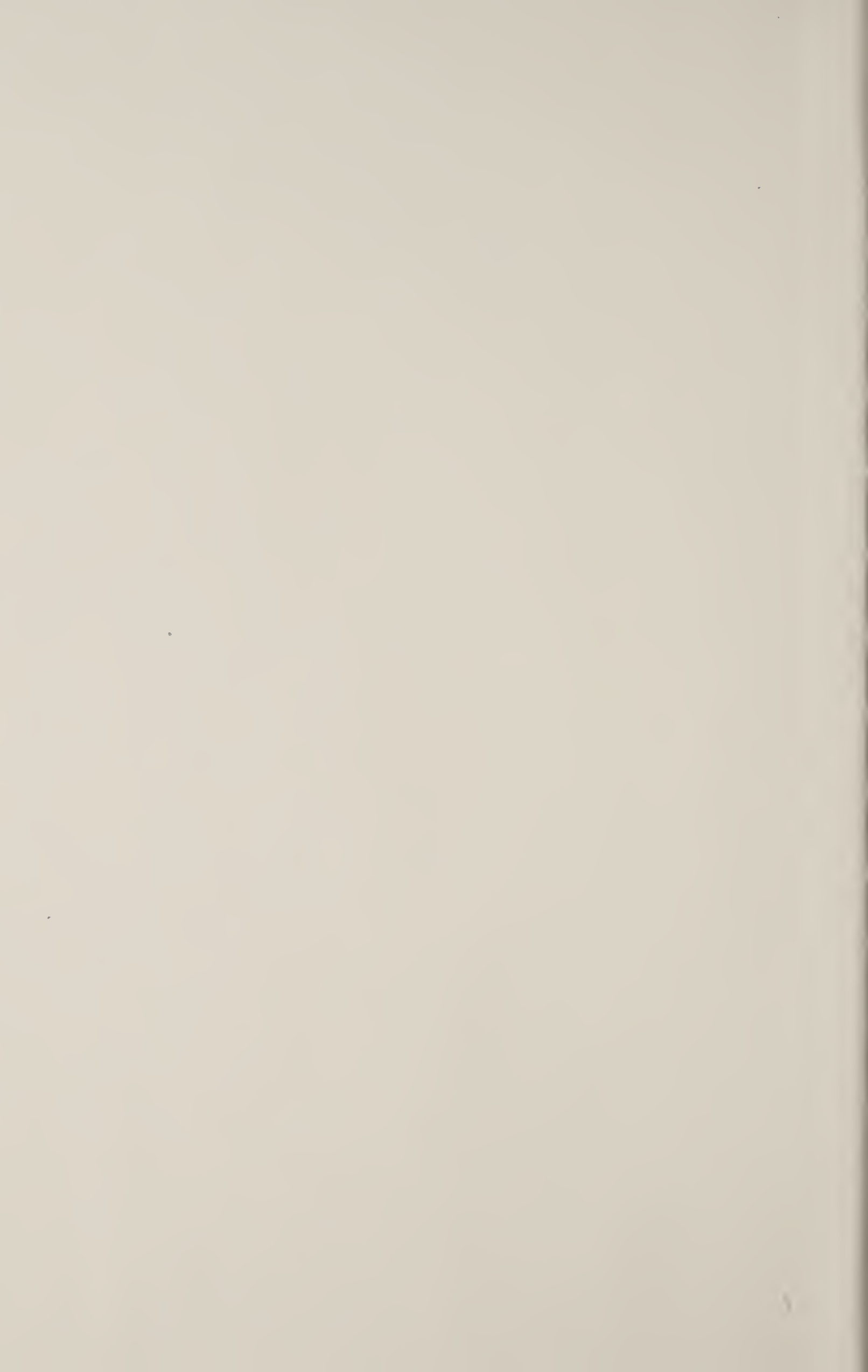






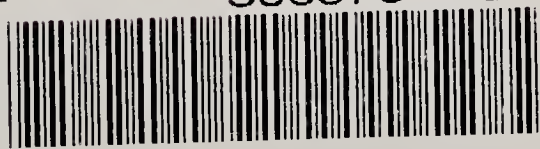






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